

# Schools Queensland, 2020

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## Key data

### Full-time students (annual change):

Queensland ..... ↑ 2.8%  
Australia ..... ↑ 1.5%

### Teaching staff (full-time equivalent annual change):

Queensland ..... ↑ 2.5%  
Australia ..... ↑ 2.9%

### Student to teaching staff ratio (full-time equivalent):

	Primary	Secondary
Queensland .....	14.8	12.1
Australia.....	14.8	12.1

## Main findings

- In August 2020, there were 1,770 schools in Queensland, of which 70.1% (1,241) were government schools and 29.9% (529) were non-government schools.
- Of the 1,770 schools in Queensland in 2020, 1,135 (64.1%) were primary schools, 267 (15.1%) were secondary schools, 279 (15.8%) were combined primary/secondary schools and 89 (5.0%) were special schools.
- Queensland had 855,856 full-time students attending schools in 2020, 21.4% of the Australian total. Of these, 66.8% attended government schools and 33.2% attended non-government schools. The proportion of full-time students attending non-government schools has increased by 0.2 percentage points since 2010.
- The number of full-time students in Queensland increased 2.8% over the past year, compared with 1.5% for Australia. Queensland's full-time equivalent teaching staff increased 2.5% over the past year, compared with an increase of 2.9% for Australia.
- In 2020, there were 73,096 Indigenous full-time students in Queensland, 30.5% of the total number of Indigenous students in Australia.
- In 2020, the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio for Queensland schools was 13.5, the same value as the Australian ratio (Figure 1). For Queensland primary schools the student to teaching staff ratio was 14.8 and for Queensland secondary schools the full-time equivalent student to teaching staff ratio was 12.1.

- Queensland schools employed 63,608 full-time equivalent teaching staff in 2020. Of this total, 32,396 were employed in primary schools and 31,212 in secondary schools.
- Of the full-time equivalent primary school teaching staff in Queensland, the female to male ratio has increased from 4.1 in 2010 to 4.9 in 2020. Similarly, for full-time equivalent secondary school teaching staff, the female to male ratio has increased from 1.4 in 2010 to 1.6 in 2020 (Figure 2).

Figure 1 Student to teaching staff ratio (full-time equivalent), 2020

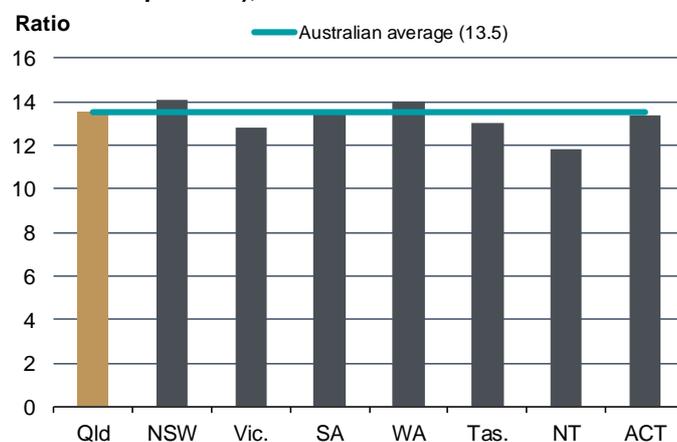


Figure 2 Full-time equivalent school teaching staff, female to male ratio, Queensland

